



STRATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the residents of Stratham, NH,

In light of the spread of COVID-19 and the impact this is having on all communities nationwide, many law enforcement agencies, fire departments and E.M.S. providers are implementing some changes to their response protocols when dealing with the public.

As a precaution, and in order to protect our first responders, residents and general public, the Stratham Police Department will be implementing some temporary changes to our day-to-day operations. These precautions are being put in place in order to maintain sufficient staffing, while continuing to provide a high quality, professional and compassionate police service.

Rest assured that while these temporary changes will be in place, we will respond to emergency situations, including in-progress crimes or serious crimes, as public safety is our top priority. Please know that we are open and functioning at full capacity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **IF YOU NEED US, CALL US.**

Effective immediately, the following changes will occur:

- Any serious or in-progress crimes will be responded to and investigated in person immediately. Please be aware that when appropriate, our officers will keep some distance from people if they have to investigate a crime in person. Officers might not shake hands and may be wearing protective gear depending on the nature of the call. Again, this is a precautionary measure.
- We are asking the public to call the police station, (603) 778-9691, for any non-emergencies rather than walking in to file a report. Officers have been instructed to take reports that are less serious in nature over the phone. We will utilize our email system for written statements and photographs of minor property damage. If you have any questions feel free to email our Administrative Assistant, Stacey Grella at sgrella@strathamdpd.org
- The police department vestibule will be open during business hours; however, officers and staff will speak to you through the window while conducting business. After hours, the outer vestibule will still be accessible in order to connect with Rockingham Dispatch by way of phone.
- We will not be providing fingerprint services at the station, car seat installations, station tours, ride-alongs and we will not be responding to assist with VIN verifications until further notice.

As this situation continues to evolve, we will make appropriate changes as needed. Please stay connected with our social media as we will update the public as the situation continues. Below are additional links which provide up-to-date information as we move through these difficult times together.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation,

Chief Anthony King